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THE WITCH'S CAULDRON!

HEE, HEE! BACK AGAIN, EH? BET YOU'RE WONDERING WHAT THE OLD WITCH IS DOING HERE? YOU WERE EXPECTING THE DECREPIT CRYPT-KEEPER AND HIS PARTNER-IN-SLIME THE VAULT KEEPER, RIGHT?

THE SHOCKING TRUTH IS THAT THEY'RE BOTH HERE—VICTIMS OF CRYPT-FEVER! THEY'VE TOTALLY FREAKED OUT! TOO MUCH TIME SPENT IN THE CRYPT OF TERROR WATCHING YOU TOOMBI! WORST CASE I EVER SAW! THEY EVEN HALLUCINATED SEEING ME DRESSED IN A FRENCH MAID'S UNIFORM!*

NOT TO WORRY—I'M BREWING UP A CURE RIGHT NOW! "HAVE CAULDRON—WILL TRAVEL!" THAT'S MY MOTTO!

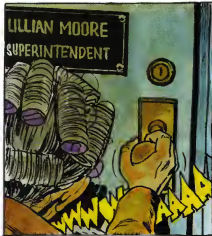
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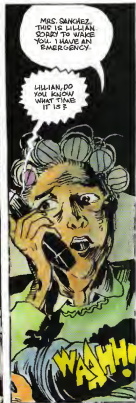
Little
DARLIN'

*YOU SAW IT TOO—
LAST ISSUE!







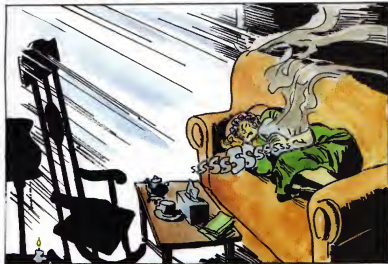


















I THOUGHT
YOU WOULD BE
GLAD I DID.

THEY WILL
TAKE HIM TO A
HOSPITAL.
CHECK HIM
OUT.



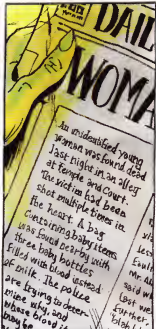
I'M SORRY.
I KNOW YOU
MEANT WELL.

EVER SINCE
ROY DIED I'VE
BEEN SO LONELY...



YOU'RE TOO
OLD TO BE TAKING
CARE OF A BABY
ANYWAY.







**KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK**



I'M MRS. WELLS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. I UNDERSTAND SOMEONE LEFT A BABY ON YOUR DOORSTEP LAST NIGHT.



YES, THEY DID, BUT I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM.



WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOUR
FINGERS?

OH, IT'S
NOTHING.
COME IN.



IT SURE
IS DARK
IN HERE.

THAT'S THE WAY
I LIKE IT!



MRS. GARCIA
SAID YOU NEVER HAD
CHILDREN. YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW TO TAKE
CARE OF A BABY,



BELIEVE ME,
MRS. WELFORD...

YOU'RE THE
ONE THAT DOESN'T
KNOW HOW TO
TAKE CARE OF HIM.



MRS. MOORE,
BRING ME THE
BABY THIS
INSTANT!

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE
MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS.





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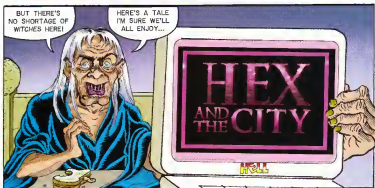
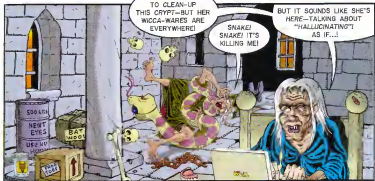


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HELP ME...

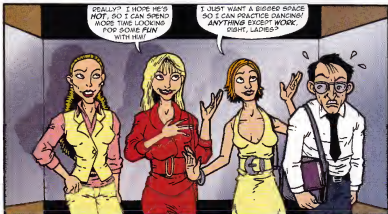
GROSS,
SOMEONE
SHOULD CALL THE
POLICE!

THE
FASHION
POLICE!

IGNORE
THEM! PEOPLE
ARE ONLY HOME-
LESS BECAUSE
THEY WANT TO BE!
JUST LIKE WE'RE
HAPPY AND PRETTY
BECAUSE THAT'S
WHAT WE
WANT!

HOWLSWORTH'S
SON TAKES OVER
TODAY! I CAN'T WAIT TO
ASK HIM FOR A PRIVATE
OFFICE SO I CAN SPEND
MORE TIME SEEKING
TRUE ROMANCE ON
THE WEB!





REALLY? I HOPE HE'S
HOT, SO I CAN SPEND
MORE TIME LOOKING
FOR SOME FUN
WITH HIM!

I JUST WANT A BIGGER SPACE
SO I CAN PRACTICE DANCING!
ANYTHING EXCEPT WORK,
RIGHT, LADIES?

E-E-EXCUSE ME, BUT THERE
I-I-IS MORE TO LIFE THAN
LOOKING AND FEELING
G-G-GOOD!



HA-HA!
HOW WOULD
YOU KNOW?

HA-HA!
YOU SURE DON'T
LOOK GOOD!

HEE! AND
WHO CARES HOW
YOU FEEL?





BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR FINAL DECISION ABOUT US, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER!

MAYBE WE DIDN'T WORK, BUT THERE WAS ONE THING WE DID FOR YOUR FATHER THAT MADE US WORTH **EVERYTHING** HE PAID US AND MORE!

YOU SEE, WE'RE WICCAN!

WE ARE? OH, YEAH... WE ARE!

WICCAN LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE!

AND WE PERFORMED A RITUAL THAT MADE YOUR FATHER A REAL MAN!

UH...IT'S THE REASON HE COULD WRAP ANYONE HE WANTED AROUND HIS FINGER!

VERY TIGHTLY!

YOU'D LIKE US
TO PERFORM OUR
RITUAL FOR YOU,
WOULDN'T
YOU?

UH... UH...
UH...

YES! YES!
A THOUSAND
TIMES YES!

>>> I'VE
BEEN SO LONELY!
SO AFRAID! AND MY
FATHER NEVER PAID
ANY ATTENTION
TO ME!

ALL HE EVER
GAVE ME WAS
THIS LOUSY BUSINESS!
AND I'M AFRAID OF
BUSINESSES,
TOO!



JUST TELL ME
WHAT I HAVE TO
DO AND I'LL DO
IT!



"FIRST, RENT A SECLUDED *SHACK* WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND YOU... UH... I MEAN *US*! THE RITUAL REQUIRES *POWER SENS*, BUT A RICH GUY LIKE YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD THEM! NEXT..."

NICE TOUCH FINDING THESE OLD HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!

BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS RITUAL?

AH, I FOUND SOME *BOBIS* CEREMONY ONLINE CALLED *DRAWING DOWN THE MOON*. BUT AS LONG AS WE'RE DANCING AROUND, HE'LL DO WHATEVER WE SAY!

READY TO DRAW DOWN THE MOON, HAND-SOME?

OH, Y-Y-YEAH!

AT THE HEIGHT OF THE RITUAL, YOU'LL HAVE TO DRINK THIS AND SAY THE WORDS I TAUGHT YOU!

"GREAT GOD CERNUNNOS, RETURN TO EARTH AGAIN.
COME AT MY CALL AND SHOW THYSELF TO MEN,
SHEPHERD OF GOATS, UPON THE WILD HILLS WAY,
LEAD THY LOST FLOCK FROM DARKNESS UNTO DAY."

DRINK AND
BREAK!



CHUS-A-LUS!
CHUS-A-LUS!
CHUS-A-LUS!

>BULP-BULP-
BULP!<

I AM THE
POWER!

I AM
THE HORNED
GOD!



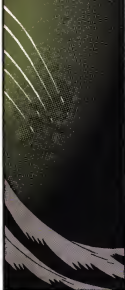
I AM...



...NOT FEELING
SO GOOD...



THUD!



THESE SUCKERS ARE
WORTH A MILLION AT
LEAST!

WE CAN START OUR OWN
BUSINESS WE WON'T HAVE
TO WORK FOR!



HE'S GETTING
UP? GET SOMETHING
TO WHACK HIM
WITH!

URGGG



AK-AK-AK!

EW! I HOPE
HE DOESN'T
PUKE!





WHO SUMMONS
THE HORNED GOD?

WHOSE WISHES
SHALL I FILL TO
BURSTING?



YOUR MIND AND BODY ARE NOW A
WRITHING WOUND THAT PULSES TO
THE COSMIC BEAT OF HUNGER'S
HEART!



BEHOLD!
YOU
ARE PART OF THE
DANCE OF THE
REAL!

AND YOU WHO WANTED
ONLY *PHYSICAL* PLEASURE,
WHERE SHALL WE
BEGIN?

YOUR FORM HAS A
BILLION NERVE ENDINGS FOR
FEELING PLEASURE, WHY NOT
SET THEM ALL *AF-FLAME* AT
ONCE?

HELP!

HELLPPP!

NO, I CAN'T
JUST LEAVE!

NOOOOOOOOOO!

NOT
WITHOUT THE
SEMS!

AND WHAT
WAS IT YOU
WANTED?

OIL, NOTHING!
I'M GOOD!

ROMANCE!
THE SWOONING
MAJESTY THAT
MAKES THE WORLD
GO ROUND!

NO, REALLY,
THANKS, BUT...

I CAN GIVE
YOU MORE THAN
THE WORLD!

I CAN GIVE
YOU THE MOON
AND THE STARS!

"SHALL WE START
WITH THE MOON?"

IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE!

WITH LOVE
ALL THINGS ARE
POSSIBLE!

SHALL WE
KISS THE KISS OF
LOVE'S MADNESS?
SHALL WE KISS THE
KISS OF FOREVER?



BUT I
ALSO PROMISED
YOU THE *STARS*.
DIDN'T I?



THE COLD,
UNCARING
STARS?



SURROUNDED
BY AN INFINITE
BLACKNESS AS DARK
AS YOUR OWN BLACK
HEART!



YIEEEEE!

"AND FINALLY, YOU'LL
NEVER HAVE TO WORK
AGAIN."

CAN YOU
BELIEVE THREE JOBS
OPENED AT THE SAME
COMPANY AT THE SAME
TIME? AND WE GOT
THEM?

WE'LL BE
TOGETHER!

IT'S LIKE
I ALWAYS SAY:
LADIES, WISH HARD
ENOUGH AND YOU'LL
GET IT!



AND THE
HOMELESS ARE ONLY
THERE BECAUSE THAT'S
WHERE THEY WANT
TO GO!

PLEASE-
PLEASE-

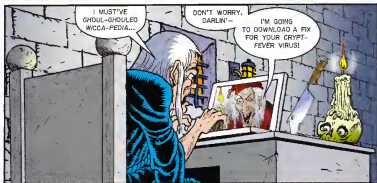
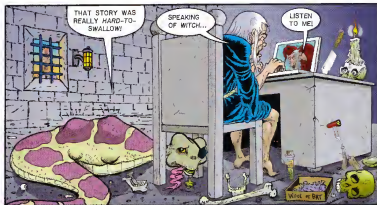




CAN'T WAIT
TO MEET THE
NEW OWNER!

I HEAR
HE'S TOTALLY
HOT!

PLEASE...



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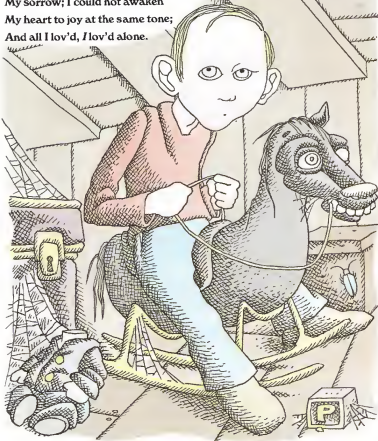
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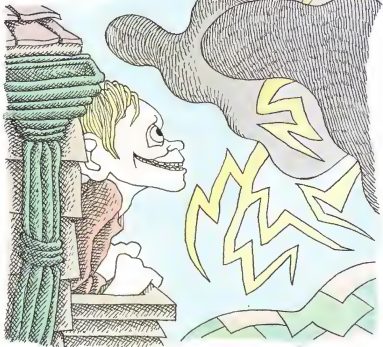
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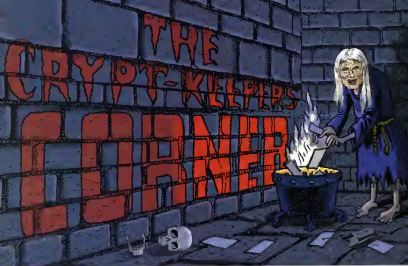
ALONE

From childhood's hour I have not been
As others were—I have not seen
As others saw—I could not bring
My passions from a common spring.
From the same source I have not taken
My sorrow; I could not awaken
My heart to joy at the same tone;
And all I lov'd, I lov'd alone.



Then— in my childhood— in the dawn
Of a most stormy life— was drawn
From ev'ry depth of good and ill
The mystery which binds me still:
From the torrent, or the fountain,
From the red cliff of the mountain,
From the sun that 'round me roll'd
In its autumn tint of gold—
From the lightning in the sky
As it pass'd me flying by—
From the thunder and the storm,
And the cloud that took the form
(When the rest of Heaven was blue)
Of a demon in my view.





The Old Witch is right! The Vault-Keeper and I have been spending too much time keeping Vaults and Crypts, and not enough time keeping SANE! Maybe it's from too much contact with our INSANE EC Fan-Addicts! Or watching too much You Toomb? Well, despite the great risk to my mental health, it's time once again to present your CRAZY COMMENTS and INSANE INSIGHTS!

Although, now that MY sanity is in question, how do I know that these are really YOUR letters? Or in the case of our ONLINE READER'S POLL, how do I know these are really the correct results? Well, outside of a quick crossover with the thrinks from PSYCHOANALYSIS, there's no way to test my state of mind at the moment, so let's just live DANGEROUSLY, and accept whatever comes our way!

According to our PUTRID POLL, "Brain Food" by Rob Vollmar and Tim Smith 3 won an overwhelming 61% of your votes, leaving "Murder M.A.I.D.," by Greg Farshtey and Mr. Exes, a paltry 39% of the vote. That's actually rather SHOCKING when you consider that Mr. Farshtey is the writer of the

BIONICLE graphic novels, the biggest-selling series from Papercutz! Perhaps we should've mentioned that Murder M.A.I.D. was actually the SEVENTH TOA? Or maybe I'm hallucinating again?

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Dear Crypt-Keeper,

I have a new story for you on TV. It's a nasty tale about a boy who likes to draw horror pictures and put them on the wall. One day his pictures begin to come alive. I call it "The Wall of Horror."

Love Your #1 Fan,
Tony Chavez

We've established that I may be even CRAZIER than usual, so keep that in your tiny minds when I UNOFFICIALLY ANNOUNCE that there's an all-new TV movie in the works based on TALES FROM THE CRYPT. It's being created especially for our younger fans, so you BLOOD-THIRSTY GEEZERS will just have to stick with the reruns of the HBO series on the CHILLER channel! But if enough of you BOILS and GHOULS watch the all-new TV movie, an all-new TV series starring me, the ORIGINAL Crypt-Keeper could be in your future!

Dear Crypt-Keeper,

I loooovve the new TALES FROM THE CRYPT series! Cool cover on issue #10. I also have a request. Can you reprint some of the old TALES FROM THE CRYPT stories in your new mag? And try to make your stories kind of like the old ones. Keep up with the stories of monsters! But please, no art like the art in issue #9, the story "Chicken Man." Again, try to make the stories more horror-science fiction, if you know what I mean. Anyway, keep up the gruesome work!

Your Fan,
Jared Hershman, Age 10

Well, Jared, if you want us to keep up the "gruesome work" then we gotta keep using James Romberger! We're sorry you weren't thrilled (and chilled) by his art on "Chicken Man" but so many others were - including fellow CRYPT-contributors John L. Lansdale and Rick "the Sicko" Parker!

Subject: TALES FROM THE CRYPT

This stuff is great. I remember reading reprints of the originals back in the '80's, so as a 35 year-old reader that came across this new series, I absolutely love it. I just love the tales and I can't get enough. I finish each book thirsting for more. I just read #1 and #2 and have read about your plans for CLASSICS ILLUSTRATED, which I think is great. Keep up the good work!

A fan,
Steven Ortiz

Speaking of ROTTING REPRINTS, Steven, in case you were UNAWARE, all the original issues of TALES FROM THE CRYPT are being collected in a series of great, big, full-color hardcover volumes by Gemstone Publishing. But there's a particular Jack Davis-drawn tale that we may be including in one of our upcoming Paperclutz collections. All we can say now is that it may be the most requested CRYPT tale of all (by me)! Stay tuned!

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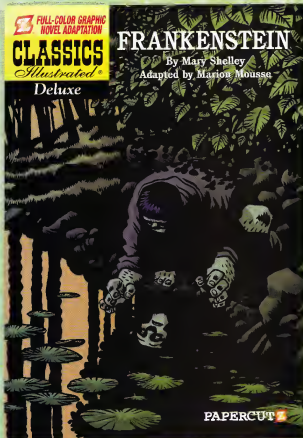
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